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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 March 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9, 12, 15 and 18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 12, 15 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-9, 12,15, and 18 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Prosecution on the merits of this application is reopened on claims 12,15, and 18 are considered unpatentable for the reasons indicated below: storing user login information for at least one service provider server on a portable user-controlled secure device, said at least one service provider server comprising at least one network server that is capable of providing a service to a user, and logging on to said portable user-controlled secure device, said logging on providing access to said at least one service provider server.

3. The indicated allowability of claims 12,15, and 18 is withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s) to Du et al. (Pub No. 20020029348). Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.

4. **Claims 1-9** are allowed.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The present invention is directed towards a method and system for managing identification in a data communications network wherein receiving a user-controlled secure storage device and enrolling the user with an authority network site. Claims 1,2,4,5,7, and 8 identifies the uniquely distinct features **"receiving a portable user-controlled secure storage device; enrolling a user of said portable user-controlled secure storage device with an authority network site, said enrolling comprising providing information requested by said authority network site; receiving user data in response to said**

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enrolling; storing said user data in said portable user-controlled secure storage device; enabling said portable user-controlled secure storage device to release said user data; and using said user data, from said portable user-controlled secure storage device, at a service provider network site to obtain a service”.

Claims 3,6, and 9 identifies the uniquely distinct features **“presenting an identity credential request and data to be stored to a federated identity server via a client host; receiving an identity credential in response to said identity credential request, said identity credential comprising a randomized ID and an identification authority ID, said federated identity server capable of verifying the truthfulness, accuracy and completeness of said data to be stored; presenting a service request and said identity credential to a service portal, said service portal configured to issue an authentication request to said federated identity server; receiving a logon credential in response to said service request, said login credential comprising an indication of the client host used by the user; and using said logon credential to obtain a service from a service provider accessible via said service portal”.**

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States

only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

7. Claims 12, 15, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Du et al. (Pub No. 20020029348).

As per claims 12, 15, and 18, Du et al. discloses a smart card (i.e. "portable user-controlled secure device") security information configuration and recovery system providing a secure Web site and server that allows smart card users to easily create and obtain smart cards and passwords (See Abstract)

Du et al. discloses a portable user-controlled secure device (i.e., laptops, notebooks, and PDAs) in combination with a smart card for use in secure login (See page 1, paragraphs (0003-0004 and 0010).

Du et al. discloses accessing the logon information for an ISP and web site (i.e. "at least one network server that is capable of providing a service to a user") when the smart card is read via auto launch at boot-up (i.e. "logging on to said portable user-controlled device") when the user specifies to the invention the data needed to establish at least a portion of his mobile personal environment through the invention's user interface. (See pages 2-3, paragraphs 0037-0040)

As such, Du et al. discloses within the reference the means for gathering the username, password, and Internet site bookmark data in order to gain access immediately and directly to the Internet site that constitutes at least some part of the mobile computer user's mobile personal environment (i.e. "at least one service provider server"). (See page 3, paragraph 0040)

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Courtney D. Fields whose telephone number is 571-272-3871. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Thurs. 6:00 - 4:00 pm; off every Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel Moise can be reached on 571-272-3865. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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